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LETTER DATED 22 JULY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continue to violate Iraqi airspace, as follows:

I

1. American air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 17/18 July 1991 amounted to 18 sorties flown by five two-aircraft formations, one four-aircraft formation and four single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 720 kilometres per hour and at low and medium altitudes.

2. Enemy air activity centred over Mosul, Arbil and Dohuk, for the purpose of observation and provocation.

II

1. American air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 18/19 July 1991 amounted to 25 sorties flown by 12 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 700 to 900 kilometres per hour and at low and medium altitudes.

2. Air activity centred over Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah and Tall 'Afar, for the purpose of observation and provocation.

III

1. American air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 19/20 July 1991 amounted to 16 sorties flown by eight two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600 to 700 kilometres per hour and at altitudes ranging from 4,000 to 5,000 metres.

2. Flights centred over Mosul, Arbil and Dohuk, for the purpose of observation and provocation.

IV

1. American air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 20/21 July 1991 amounted to six sorties flown by three two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600 to 720 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes.

2. The American air activity centred over Dohuk and north-east of Mosul, for the purpose of observation and provocation.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
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